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EMBEDDING DIGITAL  
WATERMARK, AND METHOD,  
APPARATUS, AND COMPUTER  
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EXTRACTING DIGITAL  
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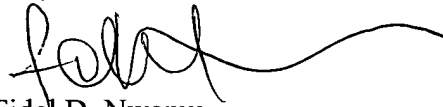
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